

Local Intelligence.

From Saturday's Daily.

THE SNIPES joke, told by Mr. Breckinridge, in his speech at the Volkstest yesterday, was really rich, and hugely enjoyed by all present.

VISITORS.—Nearly every adjoining county was represented at the Volkstest yesterday, and all seemed to be having a general good time.

We had the pleasure yesterday, of meeting with a number of our country friends from this and Austin county, at the fair grounds, and they report that notwithstanding the depredations of the grasshoppers, crops are looking tolerably well, especially corn.

PERSONAL.—We were pleased to meet several of our Giddings friends, Messrs. Louis Simon, C. O. L. Reddick, and Mr. Brown, of the Tribune, in the city yesterday; these gentlemen came down to take in the Volkstest, and we wish them unbounded success in their undertaking.

THE CONCERT, Thursday evening, at the Opera House, by the ladies and gentlemen of the city was really a success. The drama of "A Widow Hunt," was well rendered—each performer sustaining themselves well in the different roles. The music, both vocal and instrumental, was superb; in fact, we do not believe the singing by the ladies can be surpassed anywhere. The audience were highly appreciative of the efforts of our amateurs, and hope to have an opportunity of witnessing another entertainment by them ere long. The gross receipts we learn, was \$53.50.

DR. C. M. HATCH, genl. agt. for Holman's Fever and Ague and Liver Pad, which has for some time been advertised in our columns, called upon us yesterday. He is making a tour of Texas to circulate information regarding this wonderful remedy. He comes well endorsed, and we trust he will have a successful and pleasant visit to our city. Very much is claimed for the Pad as a remedy in all disturbances of the system, arising from a torpid liver or blood poison, and if the half told be true, it certainly is the most wonderful medical discovery of the age. It operates by absorption, and no internal medicines are used. It is said all live druggists keep them.

I. O. O. F. CELEBRATION AT BERTON.—Thursday morning the weather looked very discouraging to the people of Burton, and it was thought the Odd Fellows picnic, in honor of the formation of that order, would be a failure; but indications of rain passed away and people began to roll in town by scores. At 11 o'clock the Odd Fellows, with a brass band at their head, formed a procession and marched to a beautiful grove, about a quarter of a mile distant, where a large number of citizens had assembled. The exercises were opened with a prayer by the Rev. Dr. Bowers. The Rev. Mr. Lemons, orator of the day, was then introduced and made an excellent speech, speaking of the origin, general progress and financial condition of the order. The whole of the speech was highly pleasing, and it is thought, did much to increase interest in the order. Rev. Dr. Bowers was then called upon, who responded in an appropriate speech, speaking of the good work of Odd Fellows, etc. After the speaking a recess was taken, during which time the dinner was arranged and everybody helped themselves until it was necessary for them to stop. Dr. Hussey, of Brenham, a distinguished Odd Fellow, arrived on the 2 p. m. train, and made a short speech, stating that he was a ten year old boy living in Baltimore, when the order originated, which was in that city. The Ball at night was well attended, and the young people enjoyed themselves as they always do upon such occasions.

CHAPPELL HILL.—The entertainment given at Sonle University last Thursday evening by the Ladies Christian Association, of the M. E. Church of that place, deserves a fuller and better notice than will be in our power to give it. We very much

feared that in consequence of the unfavorable appearance of the weather, it was not financially that success which its merits so richly deserved. The guests, in consequence of the threatening appearance of the day, were not so numerous as they otherwise would have been. The attendance, however, like all assemblies, whether small or large at this classic place, were among the most refined and intelligent to be found in any country.

The tables were so beautifully arranged that it looked like wantonness to mar their beauty by the unpoetic exercise of eating some of the luxuries so temptingly displayed. We are certain that princes and potentates were never waited on by fairer servants, than were the guests of Thursday evening at Chappell Hill. The few hours we remained seemed to fly with the speed of minutes, and we most reluctantly turned our backs on an assembly of beauty and intelligence, encountered but rarely in a life time. But as "No man can tether time nor tide," their approach, we must ride, and hastily bidding a hearty good-bye to a few friends, and invoking a silent "God be with you," for all the guests, we tore ourselves away, just in time to board the up bound train.

From Sunday's Daily.

Mrs. BETTIE ENGELKE was the Queen of the Fest, and Misses Eliza Baker and Julia Minkwitz were her maids of honor.

In the procession Friday, the four seasons were admirably well represented in the following order:

Spring—Augusta Giesecke, Summer—Mattie Hosea, Fall—Annie Schuler, Winter—Tennie Hynes, while Miss Emma Koch represented "Germany," and Miss Cora Kurtz "Columbia," in a tasty and becoming style.

PERSONAL.—Mr. Brown of the Giddings Tribune, and S. O. SoRelle, Esq., a talented and rising young lawyer of Giddings paid the BANNER office a visit yesterday morning. They expressed themselves well pleased with the Volkstest, especially the magnificent display of female beauty to be seen upon the grounds, at the shrine of which Mr. SoRelle is a devout worshipper.

Mr. Nathan Murray, of Sempronis, also did us the pleasure of a call, from whom we learn that crops in that section of Austin are looking well and farmers are anticipating an average crop.

We inadvertently neglected to notice the departure of the Hon. Seth Shepard on a pleasant trip to his relatives in Kentucky, we wish him a pleasant trip and a safe return.

A GALA TIME.—From the number and variety of flags fluttering in the breeze in Brenham for the last two days, a stranger would be apt to exclaim this is the city of flags. In front of our principal business houses and public buildings, the American flag has been displaying its ample and protecting folds.

In the procession, the first day of the Fest, the American flag and the German, undulated in unison to the peaceful breezes throughout the march, and at its close were assigned the most prominent position on the grounds.

The Lone Star State flag constituted one of the attractive features connected with the Whitewater Wagon in the procession. Its appearance no doubt awakened many sacred memories among those who struggled with successful heroism to give it a recognized place among the nations of the earth. Although the Lone Star flag, as an emblem of distinct nationality has been furled forever, we trust that on festive and holiday occasions, its beautiful folds will always be thrown to the breeze, whose kisses it will not fail to acknowledge by graceful undulations.

From Tuesday's Daily.

THE VOLKSTEST.—The gross receipts at the Volkstest Friday and Saturday, including contributions, rent of stands, gate and ball admission fees, were \$1,371.75. The expenses are not yet actually stated, but are reckoned at about \$1400.

ATTENTION is directed to the card of Mrs. Caroline Wittborg, in this issue.

HOVER bees are becoming very troublesome to our grocery merchants. They have a fondness for sweet things, and attack sugar hogsheads by the platoons.

BAILED.—Wm. Hill and Frank Thomas, arrested upon charge of theft of a saddle at the Fair Grounds Saturday night, waived an examination and gave bail in the sum of two hundred dollars each.

ARRESTED FOR THEFT.—Wm. Hill and Frank Thomas, residing near the line of Washington county and Austin, were arrested at the Volkstest grounds Saturday night, while engaged in the questionable pastime of appropriating other people's saddles and bridles. The arrest was made by the city marshal and deputy sheriff Frank Walker.

THE WEATHER.—A rather, rather cool for this season of the year, sprang up Sunday morning, and at this writing, Monday evening, the weather although clear, is rather cool for the season. The weather is fine for plantation labor, and every body is busy, chopping out cotton and plowing corn the second time. Farms are all in fine condition. A more favorable spring for planting operations than this one has been thus far, could not be desired.

THERE will be a Sunday School picnic given next Saturday, on Woodward's creek, in Campbell's pasture, near the city. We hope the day may be propitious, and that the little masters and misses, as well as their superintendents and teachers, may find the day a pleasant and joyous one.

A basket dinner, to which all who attend will contribute of their ample means, will be one of the inseparable features, as a matter of course.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS.—Mr. C. P. Killough, road overseer of Ward No. 1, has placed the West end of Main street in fine fix, and deserves the thanks of our citizens. But, it occurs to us that the county court has placed a larger territory upon Mr. Killough's than they can work; the first ward being the most sparsely settled in Brenham, has the worst thoroughfares apportioned to them for work. We hope our commissioners will look into this matter at their next meeting, and make the necessary change.

From Wednesday's Daily.

EVERYBODY had a fine time at the Volkstest.

SEVERAL fishing and hunting excursions are talked of.

THE prospects of a bountiful fruit crop is indeed gratifying.

DEWBERRIES are plentiful, at reasonable prices, in this market.

MUSICAL concerts by Thomas cats are becoming common these moonshiny nights.

GRAPE tarts and dewberry rolls are in season, and many of our citizens are now enjoying this treat.

SOLICITING agents from our nurseries are preparing to start on their annual tour through the country.

GRASSHOPPERS.—The elements yesterday were full of grasshoppers passing over the city, heading northward.

We learn that the citizens in several neighborhoods of this county, have organized themselves into companies for protection against the raids of horse thieves. A good move.

HYMNICAL.—Mr. E. Lary of Galveston, and Miss Fannie Manning of Bellville, were married Monday morning, the 23d inst., by Rev. Mr. Rucker at the residence of J. W. Manning, Esq., the bride's father.

We congratulate the happy couple on the momentous era in their lives, and trust the felicity of the bridal morn may never know abatement in their future lives.

BROKE UP.—Henry McCoy, I. m., was arrested yesterday by officer Doran, and charged with vagrancy. He came here several months ago while the colored conference was in session and was given a certificate on trial to preach. As soon as he obtained this document he com-

menced going all over the city begging food etc. The police have heard these complaints for a long time, and the nuisance became unbearable so the fellow was taken in.

On the trial yesterday Rev. Ben. Waters testified to the manner in which McCoy obtained the document and then put it into his pocket, thus disarming the rascal. Mayor O'Riordan then ordered him to leave town inside of three hours or go to work. The colored people were highly pleased to see this "wolf in sheep's clothing" upset by the strong arm of the law.

A New Industry.

On the plantation of Col. D. C. Giddings, two miles from the city, where there is a large number of imported cattle, Mrs. Aldridge, late of Missouri, is going to start a dairy for the manufacture of cheese and butter. In fact it may be said that she has started it. We are indebted to her for a large cake of as fine butter as ever graced the table. It is perfectly beautiful, firm and richly flavored. We are glad the enterprise has been undertaken, and we predict for it a success gratifying to the lady undertaking it, as well as the patrons she will not fail to command.

From Thursday's Daily.

THE Brazos river is still booming, and fears are entertained that the Railroad bridge on the Western Branch will be swept away.

BOCK BEER is a dangerous beverage, to "buck against," the truth of which many of the boys who attended the Volkstest, will testify to. It only takes two glasses to knock the sand from under a fellow's heels.

CHANGED HANDS.—The Iron Foundry at this place has passed into the hands of new men, Messrs. Wilson & Co., who are prepared to do all work in their line with neatness and dispatch at liberal prices.

GEN. SCHUBERT, who was acting Adjutant on the day of the Volkstest, covered himself with glory—promptly discharging the duties assigned him with credit to himself and satisfaction to the command.

PERSONAL.—Mr. W. T. Armstrong, residing on Caney creek near Buckhorn, called at the BANNER office yesterday. He informs us that the grasshoppers have done no material damage in his section, and that the farmers prospects are all that could be desired.

The nights still continue cool, and the days are nothing like as warm as they usually are at this season. But it is lovely weather for the industrious farmers who are taking advantage of it, and putting their crops in the best possible condition for growing.

POISONER.—A little girl about 8 years old, daughter of Belle Anderson, colored on Tuesday evening by some means got hold of some morphine in her mother's house, and taking it, lived only a few hours. People should be careful about leaving poison within reach of children.

HYMNICAL.—Married on Tuesday evening, at the residence of the bride's parents, by Rev. B. D. Dashiell, Mr. A. M. Johnson, to Miss Lizzie Gavin, all of this city.

We congratulate the happy couple upon their union and trust that their future may be a continuous unalloyed pleasant dream.

We acknowledged the receipt of a bountiful supply of cake.

FISH CULTURE.—Near the western suburbs of the city Mr. Alcorn is preparing to start a fish pond. When finished, it will be supplied by living water. The size of the pond will be small, but the depth will be as much as six or eight feet in part of it.

The cost of the pond will be a mere trifle, compared with the advantages he will derive from it in less than two years.

We are astonished that farmers, so many of whom could have fish ponds at a cost of ten or twenty dollars, do not enjoy the luxury of fresh fish all the year round. Where there are springs of living water, it is no trouble to establish a fish pond and fish are creatures of rapid growth.

DISAPPEARING.—Parties from Independence inform us that they before yesterday the sun was almost hid from view by the grasshoppers taking their departure. Yesterday not one was to be seen in that portion of our country. Their exit has long been anxiously looked for, and the people rejoice at their disappearance.

From Friday's Daily.

WINDY and dusty yesterday. **SPRING** chickens getting scarce. **GARDEN** sassa plentiful and cheap.

DON'T forget the Sunday school picnic to-morrow.

KEROSENE oil, at \$1.75 per can of five gallons, at Pampell's. Look at the list of prices of J. S. Newbourn & Bro., lower than ever for cash and thirty days only.

WITHIN less than three miles of Brenham, are situated three of the largest and most profitable nurseries in the South.

CALL on Pampell and get the best hand-made boots and shoes ever offered in this market.

DEWBERRIES are now in season, and the little Ethiopians will soon gather in what the little grasshoppers have left.

OUR merchants report that the demand for credit is increasing. Our farmers seem to be unusually short of money, hence the demand.

SINCE the flight of the grasshoppers begun, two days ago, you can see written in every countenance on our streets, "confidence restored."

THE brick work on the cotton exchange has been completed, and the carpenters are now busily engaged on the wood work. The building is a very handsome one, and reflects credit upon its proprietor and builder.

PAMPPELL has a fine assortment of ladies and gents hats—latest styles—very cheap.

DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.

Gen. Joseph E. Johnston was in the city yesterday. Many of our leading citizens did themselves the honor of calling upon this distinguished citizen, soldier and patriot. He left on the one o'clock train for Austin.

JACOB finish domestic 10c. worth 12c; satin stripe gowns 25c. worth 40c; white skirts embroidered \$1.50 worth \$2.50; 114 marseilles quilts \$2.25 worth \$3.75; good large corset 75c. worth \$1.25; good article summer jeans 25c worth 37c; cork ventilated hats down to \$2.25; kid gloves good quality a pair \$1.00; stockings 20c; carpets 25c; silks, silks, all colors.

J. S. Newbourn & Bro.

PERSONAL.—Mr. C. W. Kladden, wife and child, took leave of their friends yesterday for St. Louis, and other cities of the East. We wish them a pleasant, and enjoyable trip and a safe return to their friends.

MARRIAGE license issued by H. M. Lewis County clerk, for the week ending May 3d 1877.

R. Andrews to Ella Ewings; Sam Ewings to Alice Sims; Cornelius Shelton to Sallie Rice; William Mitchamare to Margaret Smith; A. M. Johnson to Lizzie V. Gavin; J. W. Hackworth to M. S. Phillips.

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The Future of the South.

The future of the South is radiant with promise, and will more than compensate for the bitter trials of the past. The process of political, social, industrial and commercial reconstruction must necessarily be slow, and perhaps painful; but it will be sure, and, when consummated, will be permanent. No one doubts the ability of the Southern people to make the most of their remarkably favorable surroundings, and their disposition so to do is not questioned by those who know them intimately and have watched them closely. As long as they were practically at the mercy of an organized band of robbers, backed up by the restless authority of the Federal Government, they had small encouragement to do anything. When they are their own masters, the arbiters of their own fortunes, they can and will do all that men may do. The South wants just two things—First, to be let alone in her local administration; second, such assistance in the development of her exhaustless resources as Congress can constitutionally grant. The first she will have as soon as Louisiana is free. The second she ought to have as soon as it can be extended to her. For, as we know to our sorrow, whatever hurts the South hurts the North, and the growth and prosperity of the South must inevitably react upon the North, and thereby enlarge and enrich the national life.—St. Louis Republic.

The Supreme Court of Minnesota holds that the giving out and accepting of notes for the cash part of life insurance premiums has the same effect as though the cash had been paid; that the giving and accepting of a note for the payment of interest on a prior note, as well as for the payment of cash premium, constituted the complete payment of the premium for that year, and rendered the company liable for the payment of the due proportion of the policy.

The law under which legal tender greenbacks were issued by the United States government declares specifically that they shall be exempt from State county or municipal taxation.

General Crawford, of Wisconsin, offers an amendment to Governor Pillsbury's proclamation for praying and fasting to eradicate the grasshoppers by respectfully asking him to include the potato-bug.

Three hundred employees of the Bureau of Printing and Engraving at Washington city, have been discharged.

\$10 Reward.

Strayed or stolen from my premises, a black and white dog, about the 20th of April, one Black Mare MULE, branded on the neck R.P., also counter-branded on the shoulder N. The above reward will be paid for the delivery of said Mule.

J. W. SODORAS.

Tax Notice!

W. M. Francis, tax-assessor of Austin county, will be the tax collector of the county in Ballville, Monday, May 14th, where he will remain six days for the purpose of enabling parties who have not already done so, to give in their property for assessment.

April 27th, wtd

Unprecedented Attraction!

Over Half a Million Distributed! Louisiana State Lottery Com'y. This institution was regularly incorporated by the Legislature of the State for Educational and Charitable purposes in 1868, with a capital of \$1,000,000, to which it has since added a reserve fund of \$350,000. Its Grand Single Number Drawings will take place monthly. It never scales or postpones. Look at the following scheme: Grand Promenade Concert, during which will take place the

Extraordinary Semi-annual Drawing

At New Orleans, Tuesday, June 5th, under the personal supervision and management of GEN. G. T. BEAUREGARD, of Louisiana, and GEN. J. B. EARLY, of Virginia.

Capital Prize, \$100,000.

Prizes—Tickets are Ten Dollars

on y. Halves \$5. Quarters \$2.50, Eights \$1.25.

LIST OF PRIZES.

1 Capital Prize of \$100,000. \$100,000

1 Grand Prize of 50,000. 50,000

1 Grand Prize of 20,000. 20,000

2 Large Prizes of 10,000. 20,000

4 Large Prizes of 5,000. 20,000

20 Prizes of 1,000. 20,000

80 " 500. 40,000

120 " 200. 24,000

80 " 100. 8,000

1000 " 10. 10,000

100 App'n's Prizes of \$20. 20,000

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11279 Prizes amounting to \$322,500

Gen. G. T. Beauregard, of La.,

Gen. Jubal A. Early, of Va.,

Commissioners.

Write for circulars or send orders to

M. A. DAUPHIN,

P. O. Box 692, New Orleans, La.

For information, apply to

J. R. THOMSON,

McIntyre House,

Third Grand Dollar Drawing,

Tuesday, July 3. Capital Prize \$20,000. Tickets \$1 each. may 4 wtd

Mrs. J. S. FORTON

Announces to the public, that

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Children's Bonnets and Notions

in great variety extremely cheap.

Come and see. m 23 w 2 m

NOTICE

To Contractors and Builders.

At the regular term of the Commission for Austin county, Texas, commencing on Monday the 14th day of May, 1877, sealed Proposals will be received for the building of an addition to the west side of the brick court house at Bellville; the addition to be made of the best quality of brick, and of the usual height (28 feet) and of the same width (48 feet) as the present court house, and joined on the same; requiring the walls 28 feet above the ground, viz: Two walls 17 feet outside length, and one wall 48 feet outside length; the foundations to be two feet below the ground and four feet below the base, and laid upon layer sand; the roof to be of the best quality of pine lumber; the roof 2 feet fall west to east with necessary purlins carry water to the south. Thickness of wall for story two feet upper end 18 inches 17 inches 15 inches by 16 together with blind. Two double doors, one below on the west end 2 feet 6 in; 7 feet 6 in with head light one above in the old west wall, where there is now a window. Two hallways, one east and west 17 feet through above and 1 below each 12 feet wide the lower hall to be an extension of 12 feet half of the present court house, each of the stories to be of the height, with two rooms each 12 feet wide, each about 15 feet long, one door 8 by 7 feet, and straight stairs of yellow pine balusters hand railing and new stairs to be not less than 4 feet running westward in the hall, to exceed 24 inch rise and not less than 11 1/2 inch step, and the balustrade to extend round the opening; one fire place with mantle piece in each room suitable for burning wood.

The outside finish to correspond with the present court house, which consists of false columns, plain frieze and cornice, consisting of dentils, all of brick. The caps above the windows and lower doors to be 10 by 19 of best oak lumber; the (artificial) walls to be 18 inches thick made of brick; flooring to be of 14 inch by 6 inch, yellow or caliche pine; the rooms and halls above and below to be ceiling overhead with 3/4 by 5 in yellow or caliche pine, and both flooring and ceiling to be of 1 1/2 inch, tongued and grooved; the lower floors to be laid upon 2 inch by 4 inch scantling of yellow pine placed upon the ground two feet apart; joists for the 2nd floor 2 inch by twelve inch, two feet apart and well bridged in the center; the upper joists of second story 2 by 8 inches, rafters 2 by 6 inches. All window and door frames to be of yellow pine, and wash boards around all of the rooms and halls. The old building has a 12 foot hall in the lower story, running through the center from east to west, which is bricked up upon the west side with a 2 foot wall, except the space occupied by the present doors, the same being an opening of about 6 feet by 8 feet. All of this brick, the width of hall, is to be removed and substituted by an arch, so constructed as to leave the full width of the hall clear. This west wall has 9 windows, which are to be removed and the east and blinds are to be removed, and the opening closed up, and the balustrade above removed. Upon the south side of the hall of the present building are two offices 15 feet square, separated by a brick wall about 18 inches thick, and about 10 feet high. This wall forms support to any of the back wall of the building, and is to be removed, so as to form one office, and the floor below, and the ceiling above the same to be properly repaired. Upon the west end of this office, (15 feet wide) is to be built a fire-proof brick vault 6 feet wide inside, and extending the whole width of the room. This vault is to be properly arched with brick, arch and wall not to be less than two feet thick, with suitable fire-proof iron, 3 feet 8 in by 6 inches. All doors to be well secured by suitable locks, together with suitable bolts for the double doors. Three coats of paint upon all wood work, except the floors. The building balustrade and newel posts to be well varnished. All inside brick walls to be plastered and whitewashed. Two coats of red paint upon outside walls, together with brick sized chinking. Two coats of suitable paint upon the roof.

All of the work to be done in a good, substantial workmanlike manner, and completed by the 1st day of January, 1878. The contractor to furnish the materials, and execute a bond for the amount of his bid, with security, payable to, and to be approved by the Commissioners Court, for faithful discharge of his contract.

Bidders will state the aggregate price and terms of payment.

The entire work will be paid for in cash, when due.